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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
FILE NO. 3-16354**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

David B. Havanich, Jr.
Carmine A. DellaSala
Matthew D. Welch
Richard Hampton Scurlock, III
RTAG Inc. d/b/a Retirement
Tax Advisory Group
Jose F. Carrio
Dennis K. Karasik
Carrio, Karasik & Associates, LLP
Michael J. Salovay

Respondents

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**ANSWER OF RESPONDENT CARRIO, KARASIK & ASSOCIATES LLP
TO ORDER INSTITUTING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CEASE-AND-DESIST
PROCEEDINGS**

Now comes Carrio, Karasik & Associates LLP ("CKA") by counsel, and for its Answer to the Order Instituting Administrative Cease-and-Desist Proceedings says:

1. The Respondent states that Part I of the Order appears to set forth a background to justify instituting cease-and-desist proceedings and no response is required and therefore denies the same.

2. The Respondent states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart A, Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Order. To the extent there is any allegation stated therein, it is hereby denied.

3. The Respondent admits the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart A, Paragraph 8 of the Order.

4. The Respondent states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart A, Paragraph 9 of the Order. To the extent there is any allegation stated therein, it is hereby denied.

5. The Respondent states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart B, Paragraph 1 of the Order. To the extent there is any allegation stated therein, it is hereby denied.

6. The Respondent states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart C, Paragraph 1 of the Order. To the extent there is any allegation stated therein, it is hereby denied.

7. The Respondent denies the allegations and characterizations contained in Part II, Subpart C, Paragraph 2 of the Order.

8. The Respondent states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart D, of the Order. To the extent there is any allegation stated therein, it is hereby denied.

9. The Respondent denies the allegations, if any, contained in Part II, Subpart E, Paragraph 1 of the Order.

10. With respect to the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart E, Paragraph 1 of the Order, the Respondent denies that it entered into a Finder's Fee Agreement.

11. The Respondent denies the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart E, Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Order.

12. The Respondent denies the allegations not admitted, if any, contained in Part II, Subpart F, Paragraph 1 of the Order.

13. With respect to the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart F, Paragraph 2(c) of the Order, the Respondent admits only to the extent that CKA recommended Diversified's bonds to clients and others and provided materials which were those furnished by Diversified and CKA highlighted the risks. The Respondent denies any further allegations contained therein.

14. The Respondent states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart F, Paragraph 3(a), 3(b), and 3(c) of the Order. To the extent there is any allegation stated therein, it is hereby denied.

15. The Respondent states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart G of the Order. To the extent there is any allegation stated therein, it is hereby denied.

16. The Respondent states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart H of the Order. To the extent there is any allegation stated therein, it is hereby denied.

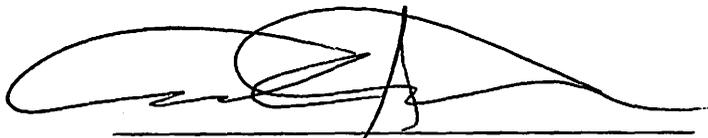
17. The Respondent denies the allegations contained in Part II, Subpart I, Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Order.

18. With respect to Part III of the Order, the Respondent restates and incorporates by reference its answers and defenses to all previous paragraphs and the Respondent further denies the allegations therein and states that remedial action is inappropriate with regard to the Respondent.

19. The Respondent denies any and all allegations not specifically admitted herein.

20. The Respondent reserves the right to amend this Answer to assert additional defenses as may be available or become available as discovery proceeds in this action. The Respondent also reserves the right to plead further in this matter, including without limitation to amend this Answer to assert other claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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